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June 29, 2016

#### Via Hand Delivery

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: WC Docket No. 14-58

2016 ETC Annual Report of Gearheart – Coalfields

Study Area Code 260408

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Gearheart – Coalfields ("Gearheart"), JSI files the attached confidential version of the FCC Form 481 ETC annual reporting information pursuant to sections 54.313 and 54.422 of the Commission's rules. Company seeks confidential treatment under Protective Order for section 54.313(f)(2) financial information. The redacted version is being filed this date via the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System. In addition, attached is a letter requesting confidential treatment under Sections 0.457 and 0.459 of the Company's Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan Progress Report required by Section 54.313.

Please direct any questions regarding the filing to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

John Kuykendall JSI Vice President

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jkuykendall@jsitel.com

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313, 54.422.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Connect America Fund et al., WC Docket Nos. 10-90 and 14-58, Protective Order, DA 16-296 rel. March 22, 2016 (Protective Order). 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(f)(2).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.457, 0.459, 54.313.



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Study Area Code 260408 Request for Confidentiality

Dear Ms. Dortch:

John Staurulakis, Inc. ("JSI"), on behalf of its client Gearheart – Coalfields (the "Company") hereby requests, pursuant to Sections 0.457 and 0.459 of the Commission's rules, withholding from public inspection certain information contained in an attachment to the above referenced reporting requirement. The Company provides the following in support of its request, numbered consistent with the subparagraphs of Section 0.459(b).

- 1. The information for which the Company is seeking confidential treatment is an attachment to the Company's annual reporting information pursuant to Sections 54.313 and 54.422 of the Commission's rules ("Report").<sup>3</sup>
- 2. Pursuant to Section 54.313, Rate-of-Return Eligible Telecommunications Carriers ("ETCs") must file with the Commission a Progress Report on its Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan ("Progress Report") which is contained in the attachment to the 2016 Report.<sup>4</sup>
- 3. The information contained in attachment for which the Company seeks the withholding from public inspection is the entirety of data pertaining to the Company's Progress Report provided at FCC Form 481 Line 112 attachment. Information of this nature is confidential commercial information routinely withheld from public inspection.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.457, 0.459.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 0.459(b)(1) through (9).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313, 54.422.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313.

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4. With respect to identifying the degree to which the subject attachment concerns a service that is subject to competition, the information is of a financial and competitive nature regarding the provision of telecommunications services. The Line 112 attachment contains competitively sensitive information related to proposed improvements or upgrades and maintenance the Company's network.

In its March 5, 2013 Order, the FCC. The FCC specified that for rate-of-return carriers, the five-year plans "should describe the carrier's network improvement plan, which should provide greater visibility into current plans to extend broadband service to unserved locations in rate-of-return service territories." The Company's Progress Report updates this information as well as provides maps and detailed information as to whether or not network improvement objectives were achieved at the wire center level. Accordingly, because the Company is a rate-of-return carrier, it must file Progress Reports which contain proprietary, competitively sensitive information related to the Company's existing network including the specific locations of customers as well as describe proposed improvements or upgrades and maintenance of its network throughout its service area. Specifically, this information sets forth services provided by the Company over its existing network including specific locations of customers as well as planned network improvement and maintenance for the years 2015 through 2019 including project start and completion dates, population that will be impacted by the improvements and upgrades at the wire center level and projected capital costs associated with the improvements and upgrades and operating costs associated with maintaining the network including depreciation for investments that have already been made. As such, this information contains competitively sensitive information related to the Company's existing network as well as detailed plans at the wire center level for network upgrades and maintenance projected for the years 2015 through 2019.

- 5. With respect to identifying possible exposure to competitive harm, the information contained in the Line 112 attachment is information that is not customarily released to the public. This information is proprietary to the Company, is unique to the Company's serving territory and is only known to the Company and its authorized agents. If the Information is not protected, it would have economic value to potential competitors who would be able to target their marketing to specific customers. In a competitive telecommunications marketplace, this type of information is highly sensitive. If publicly disclosed, it would enable competitors to craft business plans that capitalize on their knowledge of the locations of the Company's customers which would place the Company at a competitive disadvantage.
- 6. With respect to steps the Company has taken to ensure against unauthorized disclosure of the information contained in the attachment, the Company is filing the attachment under seal. The Company uses the information contained in the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See Connect America Fund et al., WC Docket 10-90 et al., Order, DA 13-332 (rel. Mar. 5, 2013) ("March 5, 2013 Order") at para 9 citing Section 54.202(a) (1) (ii).

Progress Report to ensure that its customers continue to receive state-of-the-art high quality telecommunications and broadband services that the Company has been providing to them for many years as well as to satisfy mandatory reporting requirements and does not share the information for which protection is sought. The Company protects the secrecy of this information with a security protocol that ensures the information is not inadvertently disclosed or disseminated. Only directors, managers and employees with a direct need to know are authorized to access the information.

- 7. Any previous versions of this information are not publicly available.
- 8. Because the information is not routinely available, a need exists for maintaining the confidentiality of this information permanently.
- 9. Not applicable.

Based on the preceding, JSI respectfully requests on behalf of the Company that the Commission grant confidential treatment under Section 0.459 to Company's Progress Report provided at FCC Form 481 Line 112 attachment.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,

John Kuykendall JSI Vice President 301-459-7590

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FCC For	rm 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting  Data Collection Form	REDACTED FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
<010>	Study Area Code	260408	
<015>	Study Area Name	GEARHEART-COALFIELDS	
<020>	Program Year	2017	
<030>	Contact Name: Person USAC should contact with questions about this data	James Campbell	
<035>	Contact Telephone Number: Number of the person identified in data line	6064796254 ext. <030>	
<039>	Contact Email Address: Email of the person identified in data line <0	30> jcamp@gearheart.com	
	Form Type	e 54.313 and 54.422	

FCC Form 481

(100) S	ervice Quality Improvement Reporting		FCC Form 481
Data Co	ollection Form		OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
			July 2013
<010>	Study Area Code	260408	
<015>	Study Area Name	GEARHEART-COALFIELDS	OS .
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<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	6064796254 ext.	
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	jcamp@gearheart.com	n
<110>	Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC?	(yes / no ) (	$\circ$
	If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5		$\cap \cap$
<111>	year plan" filed with the FCC?	(yes / no )	00
<112>	If your answer to Line <111> is yes, please file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service.  Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.		08ky112.pdf
			Name of Attached Document
	Please select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to conf that the attached document(s), on line 112, contains a progress report on its five service quality improvement plan pursuant to §54.202(a). The information shall submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.	e-year	
<113>	Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets		Yes
<114>	Report how much universal service (USF) support was received		Yes
<115>	How much (USF) was used to improve service quality and how support was used to improve	ove service quality	Yes
<116>	How much (USF) was used to improve service coverage and how support was used to imp	orove service coverage	Yes
<117>	How much (USF) was used to improve service capacity and how support was used to imp	rovo convico conocity	Yes
<118>	Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.	-	Not Applicable

(200) Service Outage Reporting (Voice)	FCC Form 481
Data Collection Form	OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
	July 2013

<010>	Study Area Co	ode				260408						
<015>	Study Area Na	ame				GEARHEART-C	OALFIELDS					
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<035>	> Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>				> 6064796254	ext.						
<039>	Contact Email	l Address - Ema	il Address of pe	erson identified	l in data line <030	> jcamp@gearh	eart.com					
<210>	<210> For the prior calendar year, were there any reportable voice service out				e outages?	No						
<220>	<a></a>	<b1></b1>	<b2></b2>	<b3></b3>	<b4></b4>	<c1></c1>	<c2></c2>	<d></d>	<e></e>	<f></f>	<g></g>	<h></h>

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		Outage Start	Outage Start	Outage End	Outage End	Number of		911 Facilities	Service Outage	Affect Multiple		
	Number	Date	Time	Date		Customers Affected	Total Number of	Affected	Description (Check		Service Outage	Preventative
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` '	fulfilled Service Request ection Form					FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control July 2013	l No. 3060-0819
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<039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030> jcamp@gearheart.com							
<300> U	infulfilled service request (voice)		0	•			
<310>[	Detail on attempts (voice)						
		Nam	e of Attached Document				
<320>	Unfulfilled service request (broadband)		0				
<330>	Detail on attempts (broadband)						_
		N	Name of Attached Document				

(400) Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers	FCC Form 481
Data Collection Form	OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
	July 2013

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<015>	Study Area Name	GEARHEART-COALFIELDS	
<020>	Program Year	2017	
<030>	Contact Name - Person USAC should conta	ct regarding this data  James Campbell	
<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of p <030>	erson identified in data line 6064796254 ext.	
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of p <030>	erson identified in data line jcamp@gearheart.c	то
<400>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate voice complaints (zero or greater) for voice calendar year for each service area in which any facilities you own, operate, lease, or of	telephony service in the prior Offered or you are designated an ETC for	nly fixed voice
<410>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed v	oice 0.749	
<420>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile	voice	
<430>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate end-user customer complaints (zero or greathe prior calendar year for each service are an ETC for any facilities you own, operate,	ater) for broadband service in Offered of a in which you are designated	nly fixed broadband
<440>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed b	oadband 0.0	
<450>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile	broadband	

•	npliance With Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules ection Form		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	jcamp@gearheart.com	
<500>	Certify compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer pro-	otection rules Yes	
<510>	Descriptive document for Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Ru	260408ky510.pdf ules Compliance	

	unctionality in Emergency Situations RED Dilection Form	DACTED FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <03	)> jcamp@gearheart.com	
<600>	Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations	Yes	
<610>	Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations	260408ky610.pdf	

(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data		FCC Form 481			
Data Collection Form		OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013			
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<039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030> jcamp@gearheart.com					
<701> Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date 1/1/2016 <702> Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge					

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(710) Broadbrand Price Offerings	FCC Form 481
Data Collection Form	OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
	July 2013

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	State	Exchange (ILEC)	Residential Rate	State Regulated Fees	Total Rate and Fees	Broadband Service - Download Speed (Mbps)	Broadband Service - Upload Speed (Mbps)	Usage Allowance (GB)	Usage Allowance Action Taken When Limit Reached {select }
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<039>	Contact Email Address - E	mail Address of person identified in data line <030>	jcamp@gearheart.com	
<810>	Reporting Carrier	Gearheart Communications, Inc. d/b/a Coalfie	elds Telephone Company	
<811>	Holding Company	Not Applicable		
<812>	Operating Company	Gearheart Communications, Inc. d/b/a Coalfie	elds Telephone Company	

<a1></a1>	<a2></a2>	<a3></a3>
Affiliates	SAC	Doing Business As Company or Brand Designation
See atta	ached workshe	et

(900) Tribal Lands Reporting  Data Collection Form			FCC Form 481  OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819  July 2013
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<015>	Study Area Name	GEARHEART-COALFIELDS	
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<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	6064796254 ext.	
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	jcamp@gearheart.com	
<900>	Does the filing entity offer tribal land services? (Y/N)	No	
<910>	Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves		
<920>	Tribal Government Engagement Obligation	Name of Attached D	ocument
If your c	ompany serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes,No, NA) for each these boxes		
	rm the status described on the attached document(s), on line 920,	<b></b> ,	
	trates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to 8(a)(9) includes:	Select Yes or No or	
<921> <922>	Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions. Feasibility and sustainability planning;	Not Applicable	
<923>	Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;		
<924>	Compliance with Rights of way processes		
<925>	Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements		
<926>	Compliance with Facilities Siting rules		
<927>	Compliance with Environmental Review processes		
<928>	Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes		
<929>	·		
ヘコムコノ	Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.		

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oice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability			FCC Form 481
lection Form			OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
			July 2013
Study Area Code		260408	
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		2017	
· ·		James Campbell	
		6064796254 ext.	
Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line	e <030>	jcamp@gearheart.com	
Voice services rate comparability certification	Yes		
Attach detailed description for voice services rate			
comparability compliance			
	-	Name of Attached Doc	ument
Broadband comparability certification			the most recent applicable benchmark announced by au
Attach detailed description for broadband			
сопрагарніту сотрнапсе			
		Name of Attached Doc	ument
	Study Area Code Study Area Name Program Year Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line Voice services rate comparability certification  Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance  Broadband comparability certification	Study Area Code Study Area Name Program Year Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>  Voice services rate comparability certification  Yes  Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance  Broadband comparability certification  Yes  Attach detailed description for broadband	Study Area Code  Study Area Name  Program Year  Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data  Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>  Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>  Jeamp@gearheart.com  Voice services rate comparability certification  Yes  Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance  Name of Attached Docu  Yes - Pricing is no more than the Wireline Competition Bure  Attach detailed description for broadband

(1100) N	o Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting	FCC Form 481		
Data Col	lection Form		OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013	
<010>	Study Area Code	260408		
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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	jcamp@gearheart.com		
<1100>	Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N)	Yes		
<1130>	Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 lupstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).	bps		

(1200) Te	erms and Condition for Lifeline Customers	FCC Form 481
Lifeline		OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
<b>Data Coll</b>	ection Form	July 2013
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<1210>	Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans	
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<1220>	Link to Public Website HTTP	
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	heck these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210,	
	bsite listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to	
	(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must	
annually i	report:	
<1221>	Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice	
112217	telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers,	
~1222 <b>\</b>	Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,	
<1222>	Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,	
<1223>	Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.	

(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation  Data Collection Form			FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819	
Including Rate	e-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers		Ju	ıly 2013
<010> Stu	dy Area Code	260408		
	dy Area Name	GEARHEART-COALFIELDS		
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<039> Cor	ntact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	jcamp@gearheart.com		
	appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note oct America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),			
Inc	remental Connect America Phase I reporting			
<2010>	2nd Year Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)(i) - Note	that for the July 1		
\2010>	2016 certification, this applies to Round 2 recipients of	•		
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	Support			
<2011>	3rd Year Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)(ii) - Note			
	2016 certification, this applies to Round 1 recipients of	of Incremental		
	Support			
<2022>	Recipient certifies, representing year two after filing a	notice of		
12022	acceptance of funding pursuant to 54.312(c), that the			
	question are not receiving support under the Broadba			
	Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities			
	projects that will provide broadband with speeds of a	t least 4		
	Mbps/1Mbps - 54.313(b)(2)(i). Round 2 recipients on	ly.		
<2023>	The attachment on line 2024 includes a statement of	the total amount of		
120237	capital funding expended in the previous year in mee			
		_		
	America Phase I deployment obligations, accompanie			
	blocks indicating where funding was spent. This cove	rs year two -		
	54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.			
<2024A>	Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?			
20245	Association of account blocks in disasting on boar foundings.		Name of Attack of Decree and Lintin	
<2024B>	Attach list of census blocks indicating where funding v	vas spent in year	Name of Attached Document Listin	ng
	two - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.		Required Information	
<2025A>	Round 1 or Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support	?		
4202ED:	Attach good and Information for Dhace I will at an an-	norte (Dougla 1 fr.:	Name of Attached Description	
<2025B>	Attach geocoded Information for Phase I milestone re		Name of Attached Document Listin	ng
	year three and Round 2 for year two) - Connect Amer	ica Fund , WC	Required Information	
	Docket 10-90, Report and Order, FCC 13-			
<2015>	2016 and future Frozen Support Certification 47 CFR §	5.54.313(c)(4)		
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<2016>	Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)} Certification support used to build broadband t America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}			
<2017A>	Connect America Fund Phase II recipient?			
<2017B>	Attach information for Phase II - 54.313(e)(1) - list of geocoded locations already meeting the 54.309 public interest obligations at the end of calendar year 2015 and total amount of Phase II support, if any, the price	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information		
<2018>	cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2015. Attach the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the carrier newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year - 54.313(e)(2)(ii)	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information		
<2019>	Recipient certifies that it bid on category one telecommunications and Internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 postings seeking broadband service that meets the connectivity targets for the schools and libraries universal service support program for eligible schools and libraries located within any area in a census block where the carrier is receiving Phase II model-based support, and that such bids were at rates reasonably comparable to rates charged to eligible schools and libraries in urban areas for comparable offerings - 54.313(e)(2)(v)			
<2020>	Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 40% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2017 - 54.313(e)(3)			
<2021>	Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 60% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2018 - 54.313(e)(4)			
<2026>	Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 80% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2019 - 54.313(e)(5)			
<2027>	Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 100% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2020 - 54.313(e)(6)			

(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation	FCC Form 481
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Complete the items below to note compliance with five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

	Progress Report on 5 Year Plan			
(3009)	Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(iii)			
			Yes - Attach Certific	ation
(3010A)	Milestone Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)}			260408ky3010.pdf
(3010B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Doc Information	cument Listing Required	
(3012A)	Community Anchor Institutions {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii)}	No - No New Community	Anchors	
(3012B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Doc Information	cument Listing Required	
(3013)	Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)}	(Yes/No)	<b>O O</b>	
(3014)	If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report	(Yes/No)	$\circ$	
( <u>-</u> )	Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:			
(3015)	Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)			
(3016)	Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows			
(3017)	If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation	Name of Attached Doc Information	cument Listing Required	
(3018)	If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited? If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:	(Yes/No)	• •	
(3019)	Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers			
(3020)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		·	
(3021)	Management letter and/or audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit. If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:		~	
(3022)	Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers			
(3023)	Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant			
(3024)	Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.			
(3025)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows			260408ky3026.pdf
(3026)	Attach the worksheet listing required information	Name of Attached Doc Information	cument Listing Required	200400ky3020.pui

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Financial Data Common.	
Financial Data Summary	
(3027) Revenue	
(3028) Operating Expenses	
(3029) Net Income	
(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)	
(3031) Total Assets	
(3032) Total Debt	
(3033) Total Equity	
(3034) Dividends	

(4005) Rural Broadband Experiment Additional Documentation Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
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#### 4005 Rural Broadband Experiment

Authorized Rural Broadband Experiment (RBE) recipients must address the certification for public interest obligations, provide a list of newly served community anchor institutions, and provide a list of locations where broadband has been deployed.

# Public Interest Obligations – FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29, 78)

Please address Line 4001 regarding compliance with the Commission's public interest obligations. All RBE participants must provide a response to Line 4001.

**4001**. Recipient certifies that it is offering broadband to the identified locations meeting the requisite public interest obligations consistent with the category for which they were selected, including broadband speed, latency, usage capacity, and rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas?

#### Community Anchor Institutions – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79)

4003a. RBE participants must provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which they newly deployed broadband service in the preceding calendar year. On this line, please respond (yes – attach new community anchors, no – no new anchors) to indicate whether this list will be provided.

speed and data usage allowances available in the

relevant geographic area.

If yes to 4003A, please provide a response for 4003	BB.	
<b>4003b</b> . Provide the number, names and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the recipient newly began providing access to	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
broadband service in the preceding calendar year.		
Broadband Deployment Locations – FCC 14-98 (par	agraph 80)	
<b>4004a</b> . Attach a list of geocoded locations to which broadband has been deployed as of the June 1st immediately preceding the July 1st filing deadline for the FCC Form 481.	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
<b>4004b</b> . Attach evidence demonstrating that the recipient is meeting the relevant public service obligations for the identified locations. Materials must at least detail the pricing, offered broadband	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	

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#### TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.

# Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support

Name of Reporting Carrier:

Signature of Authorized Officer:

Date

Printed name of Authorized Officer:

Title or position of Authorized Officer:

Telephone number of Authorized Officer:

Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:

Filing Due Date for this form:

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#### TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

I certify that (Name of Agent) <u>John Staurulakis</u> , <u>Inc</u> . also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my respor agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data pro	is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. sibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized vided to the authorized agent is accurate.
Name of Authorized Agent: John Staurulakis, Inc.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: GEARHEART-COALFIELDS	
Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date: 06/28/2016
Printed name of Authorized Officer: James Campbell	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: CFO	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 6064796254 ext.	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 260408	Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2016

#### TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier					
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service suppor the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the informat	•	• .			
Name of Reporting Carrier: GEARHEART-COALFIELDS					
Name of Authorized Agent Firm: John Staurulakis, Inc.					
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date:	06/28/2016			
Name of Authorized Agent Employee: Lans Chase		_			
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent Staff Director - Regulatory Affairs					
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Attachments

#### **ATTACHMENT - LINE 112**

# Five-Year Network Improvement Plan and Progress Report

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Coalfields Telephone Company's demonstration of complying with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules for voice and broadband services:

In establishing this certification in its 2005 ETC Order,<sup>1</sup> the FCC found that an ETC must make "a specific commitment to objective measures to protect consumers." <sup>2</sup> The Commission found that for wireless ETCs, compliance with CTIA's Consumer Code for Wireless Service would satisfy this requirement" and that the sufficiency of other commitments would be considered on a case-by-case basis. <sup>3</sup> In this context, the FCC stated, "to the extent a wireline or wireless ETC applicant is subject to consumer protection obligations under state law, compliance with such laws may meet our requirement." <sup>4</sup>

Coalfields Telephone Company ("Company") hereby certifies that it is complying with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules. The Company is subject to consumer protection obligations under the Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS) and Kentucky Administrative Regulations (KAR). These obligations include, but are not limited to, the following: (1) filing a Local Exchange Tariff pursuant to the requirements of KRS Chapter 278.541 to 278.544 and 807 KAR 5:011, which disclose rates, terms and conditions of service to customers; (2) adherence to Kentucky state consumer protection requirements governing telephone providers which include Consumer protections as

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, Report and Order, FCC 05-46 (rel. Mar. 17, 2005) ("2005 ETC Order").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> *Id.* at para. 28.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> *Id.* The FCC noted that under the CTIA Consumer Code, wireless carriers agree to: "(1) disclose rates and terms of service to customers; (2) make available maps showing where service is generally available; (3) provide contract terms to customers and confirm changes in service; (4) allow a trial period for new service; (5) provide specific disclosures in advertising; (6) separately identify carrier charges from taxes on billing statements; (7) provide customers the right to terminate service for changes to contract terms; (8) provide ready access to customer service; (9) promptly respond to consumer inquiries and complaints received from government agencies; and (10) abide by policies for protection of consumer privacy." *Id.* at n. 71.

identified in KRS Chapter 278.546, Pricing Procedures as illustrated in KRS Chapter 278.542(1), and Compliance with Anti-Slamming Procedures as adopted in KRS Chapter 278.535; (3) truth-in-billing requirements as required in 807 KAR 5:061, Section 13; and (4) CPNI, Red Flag Rules and other applicable federal and state requirements governing the protection of customers' privacy. Additionally, incumbent local exchange carriers are required by 807 KAR 5:061, Section 4(4) to maintain records of and report monthly various service objectives related to the Provision of Service, 807 KAR 5:061, Section 10(1); Dial Service Requirements, 807 KAR 5:061, Section 15(1) and (2); Answering Time, 807 KAR 5:061, Section 22(1) and (2) and Service Interruption, 807 KAR 5:061, Section 25(3) and (4).

The Company is subject to consumer protection obligations for broadband services under federal law. These obligations include, but are not limited to, the following: public disclosure of accurate information regarding network management practices, performance, and commercial terms of broadband internet access services; as a means of providing sufficient information for consumers to make informed choices regarding use of such services, and for content, application, service and device providers to develop, market, and maintain internet offerings as specified in F.C.C. 47 C.F.R. Part 8 §8.3.

The Company furthermore will comply with all requirements set forth in the 2015 Open Internet Order.

Coalfields Telephone Company's demonstration of ability to function in emergency situations for voice and broadband services:

Coalfields Telephone Company ("Company") hereby certifies that it is able to function in emergency situations as set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 47, Part 54, Subpart C, §54.202(a)(2)<sup>1</sup> and the Kentucky Administrative Regulations (KAR), 807 5:061, Section 24. The Company's network is designed to remain functional in emergency situations without an external power source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations as required by Section 54.202(a)(2). The Company can change call routing translations as needed to reroute traffic around damaged facilities. Changing call routing translations will also allow the Company to manage traffic spikes throughout its network, as emergency situations require.

Specifically, Coalfields Telephone Company in accordance with 807 KAR 5:061. Telephone, Section 24, has a written plan in place to meet service emergencies resulting from failures of power service, sudden and prolonged increase in traffic, fire, storm, or acts of God, and has trained employees on emergency procedure. Each central office building is supplied with standby generators and battery back-up that enable the central office to keep running for at least the minimum of four (4) hours, or until system changes are made to reroute traffic. The Company has battery backup at all office locations and

Section 54.202(a)(2) requires ETCs that are designated by the Commission to "demonstrate its ability to remain functional in emergency situations, including a demonstration that it has a reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations."

in its electronic equipment sites in accordance with the specifications identified in Section 24 of the 807 KAR, 5:061, Emergency Operations.

The company's standby generators and battery back-up support both voice and broadband network equipment should an emergency situation occur.

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<701> Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date

<702> Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge

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				Residential Local			Mandatory Extended Area	
State	Exchange (ILEC)	SAC (CETC)		Service Rate	State Subscriber Line Charge		Service Charge	Total per line Rates and Fees
KY	All		FR	14.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.0
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(710) Broadband Price Offerings	FCC Form 481
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	State	Exchange (ILEC)	Residential Rate	State Regulated Fees	Total Rates and Fees	Broadband Service - Download Speed (Mbps)	Broadband Service -Upload Speed (Mbps)	Usage Allowance (GB)	Usage Allowance Action Taken When Limit Reached {select}
	KY	ALL	34.94	0.0	34.94	2.0	1.0	999999.0	Other, No Limits on Usage Allowance
	KY	ALL	54.94	0.0	54.94	4.0	1.0	999999.0	Other, No Limits on Usage Allowance
	KY	ALL	64.94	0.0	64.94	6.0	1.0	999999.0	Other, No Limits on Usage Allowance
	KY	ALL	74.94	0.0	74.94	8.0	1.0	999999.0	Other, No Limits on Usage Allowance
	KY	ALL	84.94	0.0	84.94	10.0	1.0	999999.0	Other, No Limits on Usage Allowance
	KY	ALL	94.94	0.0	94.94	15.0	1.0	999999.0	Other, No Limits on Usage Allowance
	KY	ALL	114.94	0.0	114.94	20.0	1.0	999999.0	Other, No Limits on Usage Allowance
	KY	ALL	134.94	0.0	134.94	25.0	1.0	999999.0	Other, No Limits on Usage Allowance
	KY	ALL	144.94	0.0	144.94	20.0	2.0	999999.0	Other, No Limits on Usage Allowance
	KY	ALL	164.94	0.0	164.94	25.0	2.0	999999.0	Other, No Limits on Usage Allowance

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<811>	Holding Company	Not Applicable
<812>	Operating Company	Gearheart Communications, Inc. d/b/a Coalfields Telephone Company

Gearheart Communications, Inc. d/b/a Coalfields Telephone Company

<810> Reporting Carrier

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	Affiliates	SAC	Doing Business As Company or Brand Designation
=	PDNS, LLC		Mikrotec Internet Services
_	East Kentucky Network, LLC	269007	Appalachian Wireless
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#### 5. BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE (Cont'd)

#### 5.3 Basic Exchange Line Service

#### 5.3.1 <u>Description</u>

Basic Line Service provides a Customer with a single, voice-grade telephonic communications channel that can be used to place or receive one call at a time. Basic Lines are provided for connection of Customer-provided single station sets or facsimile machines to the public switched telecommunications network. Each Basic Line may be configured into a hunt group with other Company-provided Basic Lines.

Each Basic Residential **(C)** Line is provided with the following standard features that can be deleted at the Customer's option:

Touch Tone
Calling Number Delivery (N)

Each Basic Business **(C)** Line is provided with the following standard features that can be deleted at the Customer's option:

**Touch Tone** 

#### 5.3.2 <u>Rates</u>

Rates do not include a charge for instrument or other customer premises equipment. Rates for additional services, including installation charges, are shown elsewhere in this Tariff.

		Monthly Rate	
1.	Residential Service	\$ 14.00	<b>(I)</b>
2	Business Service	\$ 18 33	

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Issued by: /s/ Paul D. Gearheart

Paul D. Gearheart, Vice President, General Manager

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# 5. BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE (Cont'd)

### 5.4 <u>Lifeline</u>

### 5.4.1 Description of Service

- 1. The Lifeline program is designed to increase the availability of telecommunications services to low income subscribers by providing a credit to monthly recurring local service for qualifying residential subscribers. Basic terms and conditions are in compliance with the FCC's Order on Universal Service in CC Docket 97-157, which adopts the Federal-State joint Board recommendation in CC Docket 9645, which complies with the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Specific terms and conditions are as prescribed by the Kentucky Public Service Commission and are as set forth in this tariff.
- 2. Lifeline is supported by the federal universal service support mechanism.
- 3. Federal baseline support is available for each Lifeline service and is passed through to the subscriber. In addition state support is available for each Lifeline service and is passed through to the subscriber. The total amount of the eligible credit will not exceed the sum of the state and federal subscriber support or the charge for local service, which includes the access line, the Subscriber Line Charge and local usage.

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BY: Stephano Buy

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Issued By: Lane O Muchen T Paul D. Gearheart, General Manager

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### 5. BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE (Cont'd)

- 5.4 <u>Lifeline</u> (Cont'd)
  - 5.4.2 Regulations
    - 1. **(D)**
    - 2. One low- income credit is available per household and is applicable to the primary residential connection only.
    - 3. A Lifeline customer may subscribe to any local service offering available to other residence customers.
    - 4. Toll blocking, if elected, will be provided at no charge to the Lifeline subscriber.
    - 5. The deposit requirement is not applicable to a Lifeline customer who subscribes to toll blocking. If a Lifeline customer removes toll blocking prior to establishing an acceptable credit history, a deposit may be required. When applicable, advance payments will not exceed the connection and local service charges for one month.
    - 6. The federal primary inter-exchange carrier charge (PICC) will not be billed to Lifeline customers who subscribe to toll blocking and do not pre-subscribe to a long distance carrier.

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#### 5. BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE (Cont'd)

- 5.4 <u>Lifeline</u> (Cont'd)
  - 5.4.2 Regulations (Cont'd)
    - 7. A Lifeline subscriber's local service will not be disconnected for non-payment of regulated toll charges. Local service may be denied for non-payment of local and miscellaneous service in accordance with Section 2 of this Tariff. Access to toll service may be denied for non-payment of regulated tolls. A Lifeline subscriber's request for reconnection of local service will not be denied if the service was previously denied for non-payment of toll charges.
    - 8. Lifeline is not available for resale.
  - 5.4.3 Eligibility

To be eligible for a Lifeline credit, a customer must be a current recipient of any one of the following low-income assistance programs or have income at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines [Note 1].

1. Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

2. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (T)

3. Medicaid

4. Federal public housing / Section 8

- 5. Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- 6. Temporary Assistance to Needy Families program (TANF)
- 7. National School Lunch's free program (NSL)

All applications for service are subject to verification with the state agency responsible for administration of the qualifying program.

[Note 1] This provision is effective June 1, 2012.

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# 5. BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE (Cont'd)

# 5.4 <u>Lifeline</u> (Cont'd)

#### 5.4.4 Certification

- 1. Proof of eligibility in any of the qualifying low-income programs should be provided to the company at the time of application for service. The Lifeline credit will not be established until the Company has received proof of eligibility. If the customer requests installation prior to the company's receipt of proof of eligibility, the requested service will be provided without the Lifeline credit. When eligibility documentation is provided subsequent to installation, the Lifeline credit will be provided on a going forward basis.
- 2. Proof of eligibility shall be in the form of an affidavit, certifying under penalty of perjury, that the subscriber is receiving benefits under one of the qualifying programs. It is the customer's responsibility to notify the company when the customer is no longer participating in any of the qualifying programs.
- 3. The company reserves the right to periodically audit its records, working in conjunction with the appropriate state agencies, for the purpose of determining continuing eligibility. Information obtained during such audit will be treated as confidential information to the extent required under State and Federal law. The use or disclosure of information concerning enrollees will be limited to purposes directly connected with the administration of the Lifeline plan.
- 4. When a customer is determined to be ineligible as a result of an audit, the company will contact the customer. If the customer cannot provide eligibility documentation, the Lifeline credit will be discontinued.

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#### 5.4 <u>Lifeline</u> (Cont'd)

## 5.4.5 Application of Rates and Charges

- 1. Lifeline is provided as a monthly credit on the eligible residential subscriber's access line bill for local service.
- 2. Service charges may be applicable for installing or changing Lifeline service.

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- 4. Service charges do not apply for converting existing service to Lifeline.
- 5. Life credits are limited to one per Household.

#### 5.4.6 Credit Amount

The Lifeline credit passed through to the customer consists of:

Credit, one per Lifeline per Household, limited to the total amount of charges.

The State and Federal Credit, one per Lifeline.

Federal State
Lifeline Credit \$9.25 (R) \$3.50

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# **Coalfields Telephone Company – 260408**

# Response to Line 3010 – Milestone Certification (47 CFR §54.313(f)(1)(i))

Coalfields Telephone Company – 260408 hereby certifies that throughout 2015, it took reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of at least 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream, with latency suitable for real-time applications, including Voice over Internet Protocol, and usage capacity that is reasonably comparable to comparable offerings in urban areas and that requests for such service are met within a reasonable amount of time. If a request for broadband service at actual speeds of at least 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream is unreasonable, and offering broadband service at actual speeds of at least 4 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream is reasonable, the Company offers broadband service at actual speeds of at least 4 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream.

# ATTACHMENT - LINE 3026 ATTACHMENT REDACTED IN ENTIRETY